

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 62, 65 and 70 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. to 62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a transfer device ~~transferring data stored in a connected digital device to~~ capable of communicating with an external storage device over a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving data from a digital device;

determining whether or not said external storage device is ready to receive
the data;

storing the data retrieved from said digital device temporarily in a
internal storage device in accordance with a result of the determination; and;

~~communicating with said external storage device;~~

uploading the data transmitting said stored in the internal storage device
over the network data to said external storage device when by control of said external
storage device is ready; and

~~retrieving at least a part of said data before said external storage device~~
~~becomes ready to receive data and storing in said storage device.~~

64. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 63, wherein said external storage device remotely controls said transfer device.

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Currently Amended) A transfer device for transferring data stored in a connected digital device to an external storage device with which said transfer device communicates over a network, said transfer device, comprising:

an internal a-memory for temporary storage of data retrieved from said digital device;

a determination unit for determining whether or not said external device is ready to receive the data;

a device module for retrieving data from said digital device and for storing the data in said internal memory in accordance with the determination of said determination unit; and

an upload unit for uploading the data stored in said internal memory over the network when said external storage device is ready

~~communicating unit for communicating with said external storage device;~~

~~transmitting unit for transmitting data stored in said memory to said external storage device by control of said external storage device; and~~

~~retrieving unit for retrieving at least a part of said data before said external storage device becomes ready to receive data and storing in said memory.~~

67. (Previously Presented) A transfer device according to Claim 66, wherein said external storage device remotely controls said transfer device.

68. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored, the process steps for controlling a transfer device ~~transferring data stored in a connected digital device to~~ capable of communicating with an external storage device over a network, wherein the process steps comprise:

a retrieving step to retrieve data from a digital device;

a determining step to determine whether or not said external storage device is ready to receive the data;

a storing step to store the data retrieved from said digital device temporarily in an internal storage device in accordance with a result of the determination; and;

~~_____ a communicating step to communicate with said external storage device;~~

an uploading step to upload the ~~a transmitting step to transmit said stored data stored in the internal storage over the network to said external storage device when said external storage device is ready~~ by control of said external storage device; and

~~_____ a retrieving step to retrieve at least a part of said data before said external storage device becomes ready to receive data and storing in said storage device.~~

69. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 68, wherein said external storage device remotely controls said transfer device.

70. (Cancelled)

Please add new Claims 71 to 79, as follows:

71. (New) A method according to Claim 63, wherein the digital device is a still camera, a video camera or a scanning device.

72. (New) A method according to Claim 63, wherein the network is a cable network, the transfer device is a set top box, and the external digital storage device is a cable head end.

73. (New) A method according to Claim 63, further comprising a step of:
displaying a user interface in response to a connection of the digital device,
wherein the retrieving step is initiated when a one-click operation is executed on the user interface.

74. (New) A transfer device according to Claim 66, wherein the digital device is a still camera, a video camera or a scanning device.

75. (New) A transfer device according to Claim 66, wherein the network is a cable network, the transfer device is a set top box, and the external digital storage device is a cable head end.

76. (New) A transfer device according to Claim 66, further comprising:
a displaying unit for displaying a user interface in response to a connection of the digital device, wherein said device module initiates its retrieval of data when a one-click operation is executed on the user interface.

77. (New) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 68, wherein the digital device is a still camera, a video camera or a scanning device.

78. (New) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 68, wherein the network is a cable network, the transfer device is a set top box, and the external digital storage device is a cable head end.

79. (New) A computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 68, further comprising a step of:

displaying a user interface in response to a connection of the digital device, wherein the retrieving step is initiated when a one-click operation is executed on the user interface.